GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF COLD STORAGE
BIR SING MAHATO;HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY;RATNA SINGH

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to construct a cold storage in each block in the country particularly in Pratapgarh, Purulia regions in West Bengal and Banaskantha region in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): The Government do not construct cold storages. However, financial assistance is provided in the form of back-ended capital investment subsidy under the scheme entitled `Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/Expansion/Modernisation of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Produce` by the National Horticulture Board, an autonomous body under the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation through National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) and National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) @ 25% of the project cost not exceeding Rs.50.00 lakhs per project and @ 33.33% of the project cost up to a ceiling of Rs.60.00 lakhs per project for North Eastern States. The Scheme is demand-based and the project proposal is to come from the eligible organizations. The above Scheme is operational throughout the country and is not restricted to any particular area/region.